EVE & ADAM

Situation Awareness Tools
for NATO CCDCOE Cyberexercises

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EVE and ADAM. An Overview

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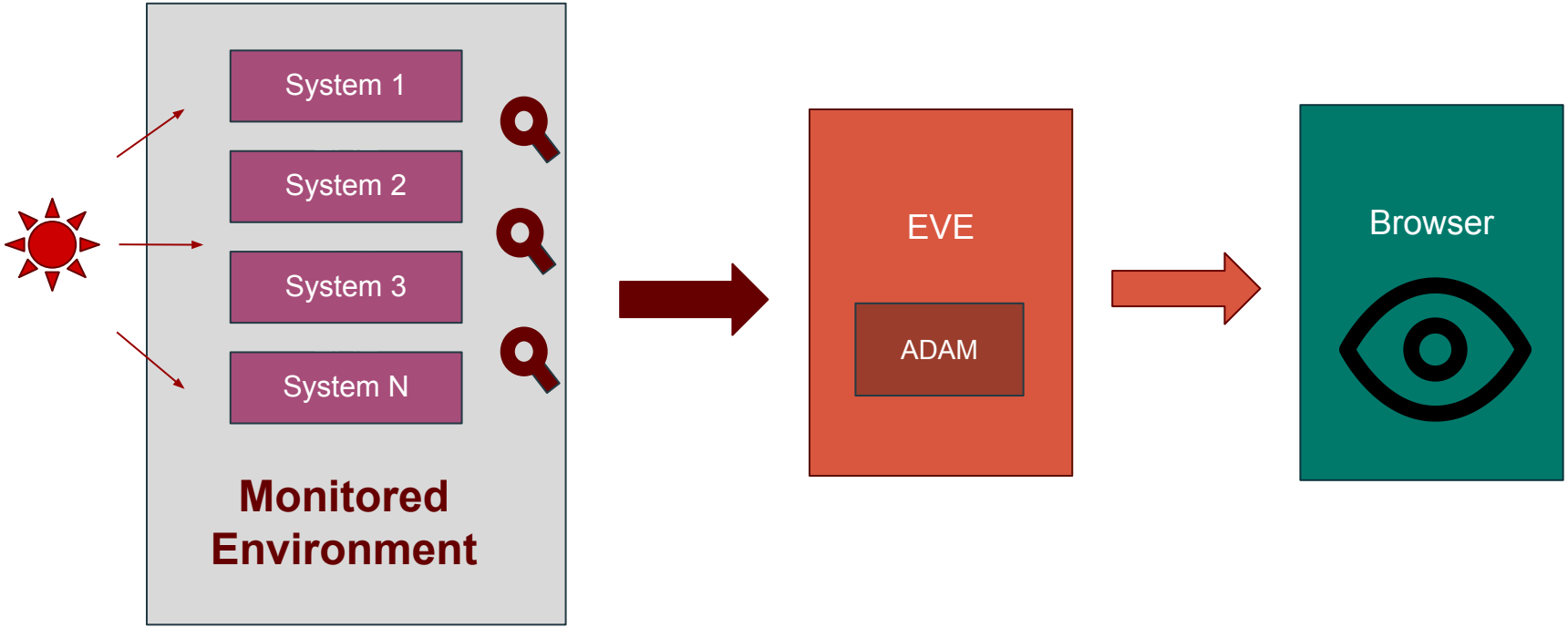

EVE & ADAM. Goals and Features

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- **Goals**:
  - Visualize Security Violation Attacks on Monitored Networks -> Situational Awareness
  - Complement existing Situational Awareness solutions (based on graphs and charting)
- **Features**:
  - Simple and Intuitive (even for decision makers!)
  - Not “too technical”
  - Valid in “mixed” environments (IT + CP systems)
  - Real time
  - Web interface

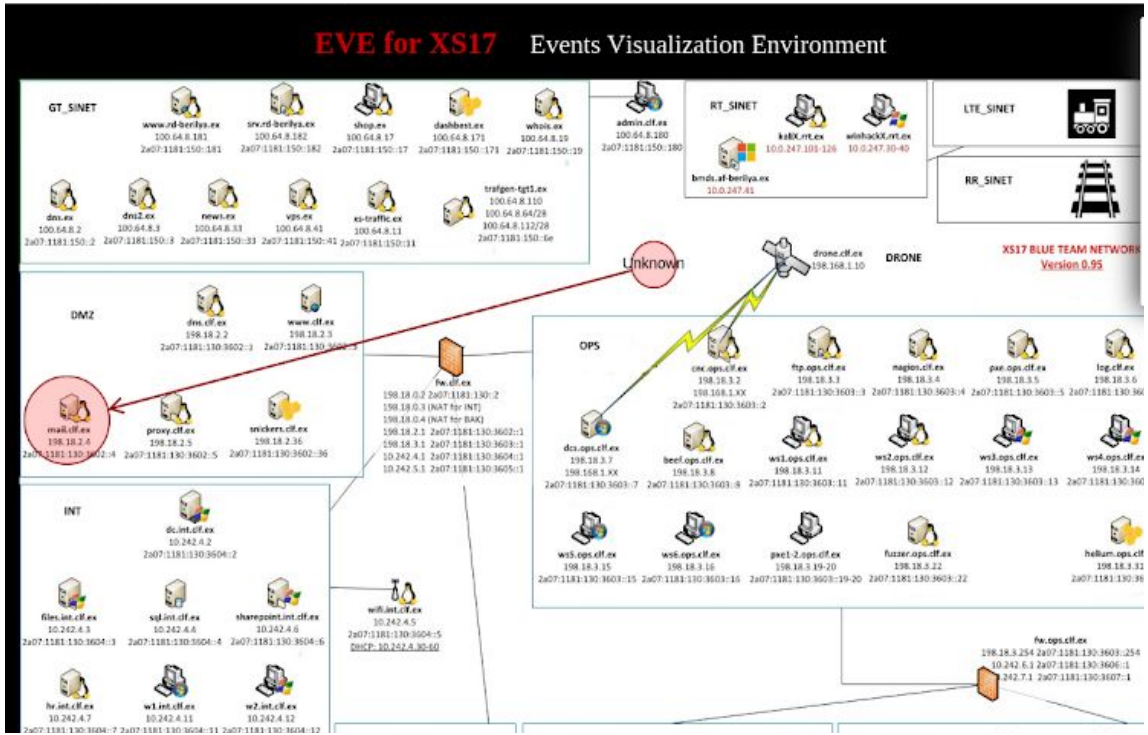
Our testing environment

- Tested on NATO CCDCOE Cyberexercises (“mimic real world”)
  - Crossed Swords
  - Locked Shields
- Mixed Environment
  - Traditional IT systems (Windows, Linux and Mac servers and workstations)
  - CP systems (SCADA, power grids)
- Heavy load attacks
- Multiple Monitoring Systems

Applicability

EVE can be applied to **any monitored environment**

EVE. A preview

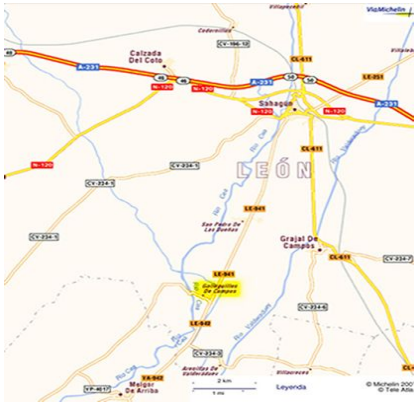


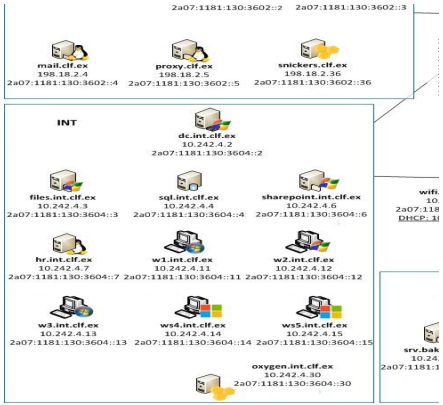
Key Elements

- Network Map
- The sensors
- JSON Messages
- Events & Alerts
- Kafka
- ADAM

The Network Map

- *Represents* the monitored environment
- It it the underlying background of the web app.
- It does not have to be “real”.
  - Just a meaningful representation





Drawing on the Network Map

How is it possible to **draw alerts on the right position**?

- EVE keeps a database that correlates systems and their coordinates.
- That information has to be preloaded before EVE is used!

Static or Dynamic Network Map?

- Why a dynamic network map?
  - Network maps need not be (fully) known.
  - Monitoring leads to discovery of possibly unknown hosts or devices
- Problems with dynamic network maps (our own experience):
  - Little info at the beginning (no “big picture”)
  - Harder to display (is it a server, an HMI interface, workstation??)
  - Harder to …
- Our experience: not so good so far...
- EVE uses static maps
- Future work: “Mixed” maps: static and dynamic content

The Sensors

- IDS or IPS (Suricata, Snort, Bro, …)
- Event Logs (Snoopy)
- Honeypots
- SIEM systems (Alient Vault, OSSIM, ELK - Elastic Search/Logstash)

The JSON messages

Message from the sensors to EVE:

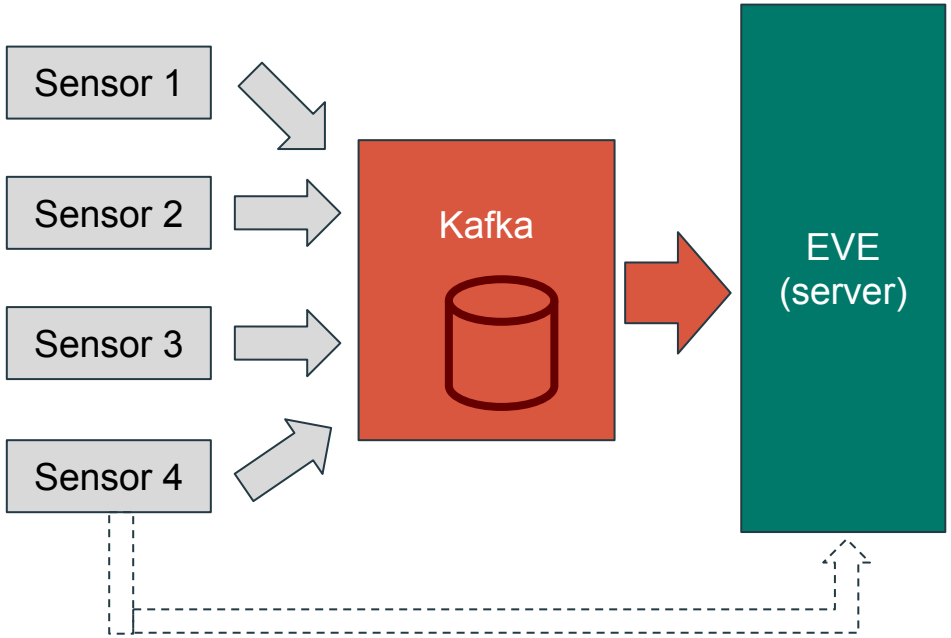
```
{
    "source"  : {
        "IPV4"          :   "192.168.8.17" ,
        "IPV6"          :   ""
    } ,

    "target"  : {
        "type "         :   "host" ,
        "IPV4"          :   "" ,
        "IPV6"          :   "fe80:1181:150::33/64" ,
        "name"          :   "hostX"
    } ,

    "payload" : {
        "name"          :   "SQLi" ,
        "sensor"        :   "IDS" ,
        "evidence"      :   "SQL command 'or 1=1' found in URL" ,
        "url"           :   "http://www.example.com/query"
   } ,
}
```

Events and Alerts

- **Events**: security violation attack detected by a sensor
- **Equivalent events**: two events are equivalent if they share
  - source
  - target
  - payload
  - within a given time frame
- **Alert**: the set of all equivalent events to any given event.
  - EVE´s goal: draw alerts (not events) on a network map

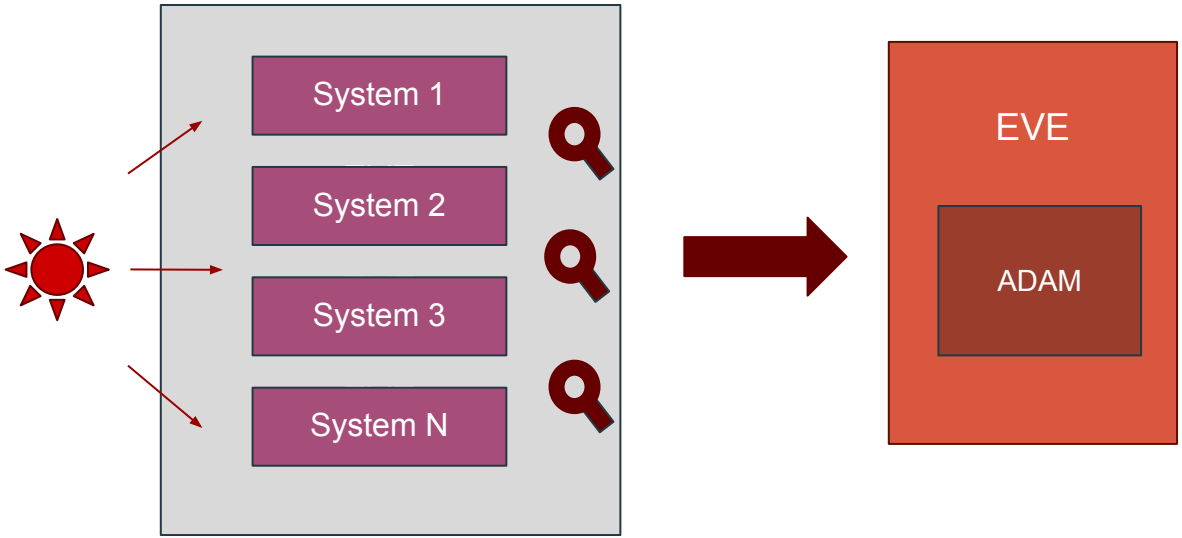
Kafka Streams

- Direct communication Sensors -> EVE ??
  - Lost connections problems
  - Data loss
  - Database required
- Our solution: Kafka Streams
  - Communication Sensors <-> Kafka <-> EVE



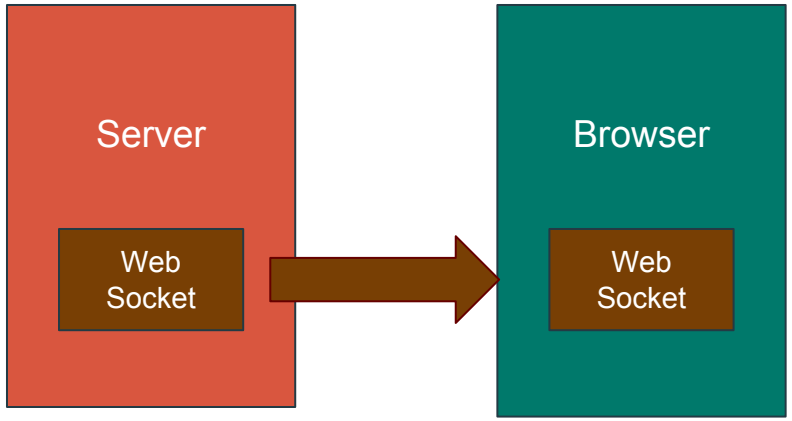
ADAM

- **Events correlator**/aggregator. It combines the events to generate the alerts
  - Different sensors may report the same attack
  - A given sensor may report the same attack at different times

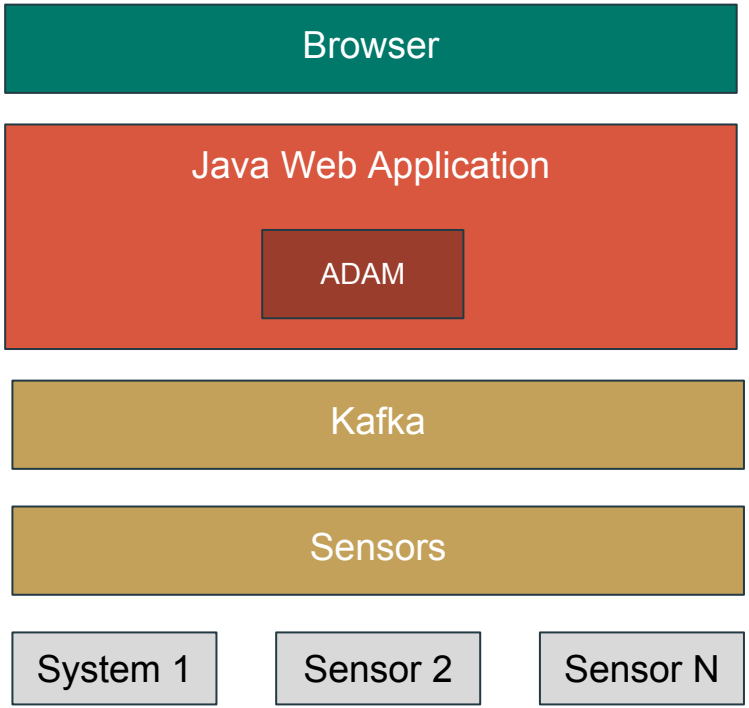


EVE Web Technology

- Java Web Application
  - JDK 8
  - Tomcat 8.5
- JavaScript + AJAX
  - Fast client-side drawing
- Web sockets
  - Real-time rendering
  - Avoids page reloading



EVE & ADAM. Full Stack



EVE & ADAM. Key facts

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A Situational Awareness Tool:

1. **Less is more**: clarity, simplicity are mandatory
2. **Based on the right "network map"**: any meaningful representations of your CP systems
3. **Complimentary**: Compliments and enhance existing Situational Awareness solutions.

An alternative approach: mapping

Use map technology (layered representation) as base technology

- Advantages:
  - Zoom in/out capabilities
  - Reuse existing software
- Network map is base layer
  - Note: It does not need to be a “cartographic map”
- Attacks/Alerts become temporary layers on top of base layer

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Thank you!. Any Question?

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